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**FOREST SERVICE HANDLES
TIMBER AS GROWING CROP**

**Sale of Unit in Malheur National Forest Requires
Rail Extension**

By George L. Drake
Lumberman, U. S. Forest Service
in annual edition of the Portland Journal.

The construction of an 80-mile standard gauge railroad from Crane to Seneca, was one of the requirements that the forest service made last spring in its sale of the Bear valley timber unit on the Malheur national forest to Fred Herrick of St. Maries, Idaho. This provision is now being realized by the application of the O-W. R. & N. company to the interstate commerce commission for the construction and operation of the portion of this railroad from Crane to Burns. Construction of the road is well under way and the road will be completed in 1924. This road means much to Oregon. It will give the pioneer town of Burns, which is today the largest town in Oregon off the railroad, rail communication with the outside world. Besides making readily accessible one of the richest agricultural valleys in the state, this road will tap the vast body of pine timber lying north and west of Burns in the Malheur and Ochoce national forests.

Mill at Burns
Within the Silvies river watershed in the Malheur forest, there is estimated to be 4,000,000,000 board feet of timber that will be manufactured at Burns. The first unit of national forest timber in this watershed is the Bear valley unit, and the purchaser is building 50 miles of railroad north from Burns to Seneca in the heart of the timber. Construction will be begun soon on the mill at Burns, which will be different from any of the existing Western mills. This mill will be constructed of steel and concrete. Hitherto sawmills have been built of wood entirely, or with steel framework, as their life was not considered permanent and the greater cost of building a permanent mill of steel and concrete was not justified. The plans of the forest service, under whose supervision the government timber that will be manufactured at this mill will be cut, call for the cutting yearly of an amount of timber that will be equal to the annual growth on the area. In this way the timber on this vast watershed will be treated as a perpetual crop that will insure a steady supply to the mill at Burns and will make for permanency, wire all that it means to a community in the way of better business buildings and homes and the feeling that the future of the community is assured. This is in decided contrast to many a sawmill town of the Lake states or of the coast. Mushroom towns with little to awake civic pride sprung up during the exploitation of timber. The supply of timber was treated as a mine rather than as a crop. This was exhausted in a few years and the towns decreased in population until only a few pieces of rusty machinery and a sawdust pile were left to mark their site.

The forest service believes in permanent lumbering operations. Plans to promote continuity of operation are being followed by the service in all its large sales where the amount of timber available will justify a cut large enough to warrant a permanent operation. The recent government sale on the Cascade national forest of timber on the north fork of the Willamette river was on this basis. Prospective sales on the east side of the Oregon national forest and on Laying creek on the Umpqua national forest are being developed on the lines of a continuous operation.

Oregon stands first in amount of standing timber. If this forest wealth is utilized wisely and with thought for future as well as present day returns—which is good forestry—Oregon can maintain her front rank for all time. The forest must be regarded as a crop, not as a mine.

To the taxpayer of the state the permanency of the lumber operations on the national forests is of interest as it means a steady return to the counties in which the forests are located of 25 per cent of the revenue from the sale of the forest resources

to be used for roads and schools. This return will continue to come to the counties indefinitely. Oregon has received to date \$1,269,495 from this fund, and the national forest timber has only been touched.

An additional 10 per cent of all national forest receipts is spent on roads and trails inside the forests. With the eventual development of the immense waterpower resources of the forest areas the annual return will be greatly augmented. The harvesting of the timber crop and the utilization of waterpowers will not interfere with the use of the national forests as the recreation grounds of the people of the state and other states. The strength of a commonwealth lies in the permanency of its industries. The handling of the timber resources of the national forests of Oregon according to the forestry principle of permanent production is going to prove of incalculable value to the future of the state.

**THE SWAINS
MARRIED FIFTY YEARS**

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Swain, estimable pioneer people of this city, were married fifty years ago on January 4. It had been planned by their children and friends to recognize the event with at least a home gathering and a pleasant reminder of their long life together, but their grandson, Billie Byrd, changed the program by indulging too freely at his fifth birthday dinner and contracting pleurisy and the day was spent by the grandparents and other members of the family around his bedside. Bill is much improved in health, however, and on the road to recovery.

The Swains have resided in this county for more than thirty years and are well known to many of our citizens. They have been a factor in the upbuilding of the community and are still active even though somewhat advanced in years. A golden wedding is an occasion for celebration, especially when the bride and groom are so well preserved and take such an interest in the affairs of their children and the community, therefore it is a source of regret that the original plans could not be carried out and their friends outside the family given an opportunity to call and extend their good wishes.

**MOTHERS' CLUB
ELECTS OFFICERS**

The regular meeting of the Mothers' Club was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Caldwell with Mrs. Byron Terrill as joint hostess.

The election of officers occurs the first meeting in January of each year and this was the order of business. The following officers were chosen: President, Mary Bennett; vice President, Blanche Caldwell; secretary, Lee Brown; treasurer, Evelyn Bardwell; news reporter, Henrietta Eggleston.

Following the business session the guests were entertained by a duet with John Caldwell on the saxophone and Alex Eggleston on the violin with Mrs. Eggleston at the piano as accompanist.

Dainty refreshments were served and those present voted it a delightful and profitable afternoon.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Clifford Reed.

THE HARDING MEMORIAL DRIVE

A popular Nation wide movement is underway to erect suitable Memorials to our late President Warren G. Harding, briefly to consist of:

(A) Erect and maintain at Marion, Ohio, a Mausoleum, wherein to place his remains, and later Mrs. Florence King Harding, his widow, when she shall have passed away.

(B) Acquire the home of the late President Harding, Mount Vernon Ave., Marion, Ohio, to be converted into a shrine, containing his personal effects, State papers and biography.

(C) Endow a Warren G. Harding Chair of Diplomacy and Functions of Government in connection with some existing University.

Subscriptions will be received from and after the 6th, inst., and your co-operation is earnestly required, and if not personally called upon please enclose remittance to me, Burns, Oregon.

Yours sincerely,
A. W. GOWAN, County Chairman.

**ROAD MASTER TO SUPER-
VISE IN TWO DISTRICTS**

**New Method of Road Up-
keep Tried by Court;
Lack of Funds**

Both Commissioners Bolton and Lillard are in attendance with Judge Huguet at the regular meeting of the county court this week, among other matters considered before this session, were:

The election boards were selected for the elections of this year.

Jury list for the year drawn.

Roy McGee was again appointed road master.

Dr. B. F. Smith was awarded the contract for providing medical service to the county poor.

James Bunyard was issued a dance hall license at Narrows.

A petition was granted changing the Embree bridge road to conform with the railroad crossing, avoiding the necessity of crossing the railroad grade twice.

Petition for a change in the Lone Pine road was denied.

Sheriff authorized to secure the services of a second deputy at a salary of \$100 a month, effective at once and to continue such service until further order of the court.

H. E. Chance was given the contract to keep the Silver creek road in repair during the coming year.

All bids for road upkeep in the Drawsey and Denio districts was denied and the court finally decided to have the work done in the two districts under the supervision of the road master, with three funds. The court gave two reasons for this action. First, the lack of funds available and second, to determine the actual cost of the upkeep of the roads in the two sections.

Fred Black was awarded the contract for the upkeep of the road leading out from Burns to the Cold

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**GOOD YEAR FOR CATTLE
INDUSTRY SAYS HANLEY**

**Troubles Among Stockmen
Natural in Process of
New Conditions**

Troubles among cattle growers of the northwest during 1923, have been only natural in the progress of growth and transportation from old to new forms of cattle raising, and it looks like 1924 will be a good year for the cattlemen, according to William Hanley of Burns, Ore., stockman and formerly president of the Oregon state chamber of commerce, who is staying at the Owyhee hotel while in Boise on business, says the Statesman.

A new era is opening in the livestock industry in the Snake river valley, said Mr. Hanley. He predicted that 10 years will see huge meat packing plants established at points in the valley, and distributing centers growing. The cattlemen said that it is impracticable to raise livestock here and then ship it to the east or middlewest for fattening and dressing. He declared that the rapid growth of the Pacific coast is building up a market nearer Idaho and eastern Oregon than is the middlewest, and that it is into this region that Idaho livestock will be shipped in the future.

Changes Taking Place

Changes are taking place in the method of preparing cattle for the market, Mr. Hanley said, and cattlemen who refuse to adopt new methods must lose money. He said that in past years cattle raised on the range have not been marketed until three or four years of age, but that now they are being fed grain and are placed on the market at the age of two years. In the past, when cattle were cheap, Mr. Hanley averred, the raiser could afford to keep them a long time before marketing but now the investment is heavier, and losses of animals are of more importance and if a cattlemen is to

prosper, he must handle his stock quickly. He said that the same is true of the sheep industry.

Predicts Prosperity

Mr. Hanley predicted that the coming year would be a prosperous one for cattlemen. He said that, in his opinion, there would be a strong demand for farm products of all kinds, and in commenting upon the apparent flooding of the market with American farm products, said "there has been no important overproduction." He asserted that there has been over demand, because farmers have been forced by financial difficulties to throw a lot of their surplus and reserve on the market, and said that if a similar situation arose in the cities there would be a surplus of manufactured articles.

He asserted that the poorer and older cattle have been weeded out in the last few years, because of the financial situation, and that this year there will be no reserve to draw upon. Consequently there will be a strong demand for cattle, and cattlemen should make good profits, possibly even larger than former farmers who have gone to cities, in the opinion of Mr. Hanley.

EQUIPPING FOR MODERN DAIRY

Hul Hotchkiss, one of the pioneer range stock men of this vicinity, has decided to go into the dairy business as he has found the range stock is not so profitable. He has recently erected a modern barn sufficiently large to house 30 cows, with every modern convenience. He has already bought eight head of Jersey dairy cows from Willis Rounseville and is preparing to go to Idaho for more.

This is the way to start in the dairy business. With adequate equipment and cows of dairy breed there is every reason to expect success and it is hoped more of our people will follow the example set by Mr. Hotchkiss.

Mrs. Lester Hamilton and the daughters were in Burns during last week. Lester is feeding his stock at the Foley ranch near this city and they spent the vacation with him.

**ALFRED B. WHITNEY
DIED CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Esteemed Citizen Passes
Away in California;
Active to Last**

(Contributed)

Word has been received telling of the death of Alfred B. Whitney which occurred on Christmas afternoon at Culver City, California, where he and his wife were residing with their daughter. Although Mr. Whitney had been in poor health for some time, the end came suddenly and as a shock to his family and friends.

For a number of years Mr. and Mrs. Whitney lived in Burns where they enjoyed the merited respect, admiration and love of the whole community. And now as the news of his death is made known, the universal expressions of esteem are eloquent tributes to his noble character.

He is remembered as an active, scholarly man who took a prominent part in public affairs and Christian work, approachable and brotherly, yet possessed by a certain retiring nature which made him reluctant to speak of himself in any way. His long life, however, was filled with interesting experiences and observations, and a treat was always in store for any who urged him to tell of these things. In his younger days he traveled a great deal, encircling the globe, crossing the Atlantic ocean five times and the Pacific twice. On one voyage he was on a sailing vessel three months without seeing land. Considerable time was spent in Australia and his tales of life there were full of interest and bits of wisdom.

While living in London, England, he was among the few who responded to the first appeal made by the late General Booth of the Salvation Army, for funds with which to start the organization which is now reaching. Throughout life he was characterized by a cheerful willingness to give to any people or organization working for the uplift of humanity along moral or spiritual lines and in a business transaction his word was as good as gold.

Alfred Blott Whitney was born in Warrington, England, July 16, 1841, and on July 15, 1873, was married in London to Emma Tyler, who survives him. To this union eleven children were born, four of whom are living: Mrs. T. E. Hancock, Culver City, California; Alfred Whitney, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Mrs. John Kessler, Williamson, West Virginia; and Arthur S. Whitney, Laven, Oregon.

While in England Mr. Whitney was engaged in raising thoroughbred horses and sheep on a large scale, but owing to a depression which became general throughout that country, he brought his family to the United States, settling in the vicinity of Chicago where he engaged in the general mercantile business for many years. In the spring of 1909 he sold his business property to one of the large Eastern railway companies, coming the following fall to Burns, Oregon. Here he invested in city and ranch property to which he gave his personal attention until two years ago when his doctor advised him to seek a lower altitude. He and his faithful wife went first to Nampa, Idaho, going later to Southern California where they could enjoy the milder climate. A lover of the great outdoors, he hadly took long walks, and was active both physically and mentally up to the time of his last sickness.

He was converted in early youth and for years was a preacher in the Wesleyan Methodist church. While living in Burns he united with the local Church of the Nazarene as a charter member, and has kept his membership here up to this time. He was also an elder of the General Church and on various occasions filled the pulpit most ably. Those who have heard him preach remember the clear, forceful presentation of Scriptural truths and the sweetness of spirit which marked all of his discourses.

His body was laid to rest in the cemetery of Culver City, California, December 27th, 1923, after a fitting service conducted by the pastor of the Culver City Methodist church.

We unite in expressing our sym-

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